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## VAN ODOM PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

At the business session of the Alumni Association on Saturday, November 18, Van D. Odom, Principal of the Haynesville Elementary School, was elected President by acclamation.

Odom received his B. A. Degree from the College in 1936. While a student on the campus, he was president of the student body and very active in student affairs. He has been serving as a member of the Executive Council of the L. E. A., and was elected vice-president of the L. E. A. at the session on November 20-22.

Other officers of the Alumni Association re-elected by acclamation are: Vice-President, Har-

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## Northwestern and Shreveport Hospitals Praised

In the November, 1950, issue of *HEALTH INFORMATION*, published at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., a tribute is paid to the hospitals of Shreveport and Minneapolis under the title: "Louisiana and Minnesota Cities Find Similar Keys to Future *Health Manpower*." Since Northwestern State College is an integral part of the Shreveport nursing situation, and since all alumni are interested in the affairs of the College, we quote a portion of the article:

## COACH PRATHER ELECTED PRESIDENT

"Seeking to solve the problem of 'man-power' in the nursing field, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, have found strikingly similar answers to a question that confronts many communities of the United States.

"The question: How to obtain more and better-qualified nurses?

"The answer: Provide better nursing education by combining the facilities of several existing schools.

"Both Shreveport and Minneapolis have had a year's experience under their new plans. Both report heartening results—a vanishing student nurse recruitment problem and a more satisfactory educational experience on the part of the students. Significance of the achievements becomes obvious when the nation's some 300,000 active professional nurses are compared with an estimated need for 554,000 by 1960.

"Shreveport's four hospitals of nursing were having the usual difficulty in filling classrooms and finding teachers in 1947. The directors, administrators, hospital boards, and physicians talked it over. Some of the school directors also headed the nursing services in their hospitals. Not only did they need greater numbers of nurses, but nurses with broader education to cope with nursing care that becomes more complex with every development.

"The Hospital Council of Shreveport was asked to consider the idea of several hospital schools combining their resources to establish a collegiate program. Stress was placed on the difficulty met by the several schools in finding qualified instructors; money that a combination might save; the need of the hospitals to concentrate on patient care. The Council asked the Shreveport League of Nursing Education for recommendations.

"The League recommended a study, and the Council shouldered its expense.

"Tax-supported Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, 75 miles south of Shreveport, was approached. Besides the dean of its School of Applied Arts and Sciences, many doctors, nurses, hospital administrators, and lay friends contributed to the plans

Confirmation of the election of Coach H. Lee Prather as President of Northwestern State College was announced by the State Board of Education at its meeting on October 24.

Coach Prather had been serving as Acting President since September 9, at which time he was asked by the State Board to serve in that capacity until the special committee appointed by the Board made its recommendation for a president of the college.

The election of Coach Prather as president has been received with even more approbation and acclaim than accompanied his selection as acting president.

Quoting from the *CURRENT SAUCE*, the student newspaper, will give a clear indication of student reaction. In an editorial on October 23, entitled "The Best Answer," the following statement was made:

"The appointment of 'Coach' H. Lee Prather as permanent president of NSC is indicative of the fact that our college is emerging from the realms of political battles, student-administration dissension, and general dissatisfaction.

"During the past months the state papers and the College have been clamoring for the appointment of a capable man to this office, as an answer to the recent problems.

"Coach Prather is, we believe, the best answer. Here is a man who has for nearly forty years devoted himself in every way to the interests of Northwestern. Here is a man who understands us and a man whom we understand.

"With the Coach as acting president, the College experienced a noticeable rise in school spirit and standards. It is our prediction that this is only the beginning of many benefits that will follow under his administration as permanent president.

"We pledge our loyalty and active support to President Prather in making a bigger and better Northwestern."

that made it possible for the college and four Shreveport hospitals—North Louisiana Sanitarium, Highland Sanitarium, and Tri-

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## KENTUCKY'S RUPP AND NORTHWESTERN'S PRATHER



Two of America's outstanding basketball coaches, Adolph Rupp, 1950 "Coach of the Year," from University of Kentucky, and H. Lee Prather, athletic director and president of Northwestern State College, and president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, meet at the Basketball Coaching School on the NSC Campus.

## Basketball Coaching School Well Attended

More than 250 basketball coaches, players, and fans attended the 1950 Basketball Coaching School on the campus, November 2 and 3, when two of the foremost basketball coaches in America met on the speaker's platform rather than on the hardwood court. H. Lee Prather, athletic director and president of NAIB, opened the two-day meeting. The main speaker was Coach Adolph F. Rupp, now in his 21st year at the University of Kentucky. Also taking part in the program were Coach F. H. Delaney, Centenary College, and Coach Luther Marlar, Southeastern Louisiana College, both of whom are outstanding coaches in the Gulf States Conference.

Sponsored jointly by the NSC Physical Education Majors Club and the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, the school's program included: "Getting the Team Ready for the Season," "Pasing and Shooting in Basketball," "Individual Defense Techniques," and "Individual and Team Offensive Basketball," all led by Coach Rupp; "Drills, Offensive and Defensive," Coach F. H. Delaney; "Basketball Rules In-

terpretation," Woodrow Turner, NFHSAA representative; and "Types of Defense," Coach Luther Marlar.

Coach Rupp also spoke at the annual PEM Club banquet Thursday evening and at the University of Kansas Alumni supper given by the "Jayhawks" in Natchitoches Friday.

Winding up the program was a "Panel of School Staff for Questions and Answers," led by Elzer Marx, president of the PEM Club.

## Hospitals Praised—

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State and Shreveport Charity Hospitals—to announce a program under which the colleges in September, 1949, offered:

1. A three-year diploma program for the high school graduates seeking the state R. N. certificate.
2. A four-year program for students wishing to earn both the R. N. certificate and a B. S. Degree in nursing.
3. A two-year program for registered nurses seeking a B. S. Degree.

"The four hospitals closed their schools and signed contracts to provide clinical facilities for the college students. Later E. A. Con-

way Memorial Hospital in Monroe, 100 miles northeast of Natchitoches, and Baptist Hospital, (Alexandria) 60 miles to the south, agreed to the same collaboration.

"Two hundred seventy-eight students are now enrolled in the three curriculums. Everyone is satisfied with the way the program is developing, including the 1950 Legislature of Louisiana, which appropriated \$80,000 to be used during the next two years to raise nursing service standards to meet the educational needs of the collegiate students. The appropriation means that students will not have to leave the area for clinical experience in pediatrics and obstetrics.

"There are other advantages. The college program offers affiliation in public health nursing and psychiatric nursing, two important areas usually neglected in hospital schools. The college has educational control of the entire program. The six collaborating hospitals offer \$500 scholarships to a large number of qualified first-year students; \$375 scholarships to second and third-year students. The State of Louisiana has assumed responsibility in the education of nurses as in the education of doctors, teachers, lawyers, and engineers . . ."

## Calcasieu Alumni Meet

McSwain Re-elected President

C. M. McSwain of Maplewood was re-elected president of the Calcasieu alumni of Northwestern State College at a dinner meeting at the Majestic Hotel in Lake Charles on Monday night, November 13.

Immediately after a floor show, the business session of the group was held and officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected.

Following the dinner, G. W. Ford, Superintendent of City Schools; L. S. Miller, Alumni Secretary, and Coach H. Lee Prather, President of the College, were called on for remarks.

Coach Prather stated that the most difficult task he ever had to perform was that of telling his basketball squad he could coach them no longer. He also stated to the alumni that his total efforts and his entire energy would be directed towards further promoting the welfare of the College. He urged their assistance in sending the best possible material to the institution so that we, in turn, might be able to turn out the type of alumni of which both alumni and the institution would be justifiably proud.

More than sixty members of the local alumni group were present.

## N. S. C. A TRADITION FOR THIS FAMILY



Pictured above at their home on 443 N. Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan, are, seated, left to right: June Cooley Mahan, 2-year graduate, 1922, who later taught ten years in the Elementary Training School; Dr. H. C. Cooley, first Ph.D. employed by the "Normal," who taught here through the years 1912-1920; and Marshall E. Mahan, A.B. '41.

Standing, left to right: Laura Lou Mahan, now a senior at N.S.C.; Russ Mahan, who was a first-grade student under Miss Miriam Carver, 1940-41; Kay Mahan, senior at N.S.C., now teaching fourth grade at Buras; and Elton Mahan, who did fourth-grade work at Elementary Training School with Miss Mary Winters in 1947.

Dr. Cooley will be lovingly remembered by many students for his teaching of Psychology during the years when he was a member of the faculty of "Normal."

Mrs. Mahan writes that "Though far away, N.S.C. campus is still our heart's true home."



## Demon Gridsters Hit Slump

### Lose Last Four Games

Starting out with a brilliant early season performance, the Demons gave promise of being, potentially, another 1939 team. These early hopes have been shattered as the Demons have been unable to get back into the win column in the last four games.

Following the Louisiana Tech game at the State Fair in Shreveport, which Tech won by a score of 15-7, the Demons have been defeated on successive Saturdays by Southeastern, Mississippi Southern, and Alabama State Teachers.

In conference competition, NSC was tied with the leader, but during the last four disastrous weeks they have skidded to become occupants of the cellar, which unenviable position they shall continue to occupy unless the Demons defeat the Southwestern Bulldogs of Lafayette at our Homecoming game this week.

### Southeastern 28, N.S.C. 14

Scoring on a bootleg play around left end on a 13-yard jaunt, Bobbie Emmons put the Demons ahead after six minutes of play in the first quarter. The extra point was kicked by Bobbie Davis.

Four minutes later the Lions came roaring back with Wilkins driving over from the 2-yard line. Chaney converted and the score was tied 7-7.

Interference on a pass play from Emmons to Davis from the Lion 42 placed the ball on the 2-yard line. Lancaster went over and Davis converted.

The Lions made the score 14-14 when Polk ran a punt back to the

## TEN SENIORS END FOOTBALL CAREERS AS DEMONS



These ten seniors will wind up their football careers on the Demon squad this season. Bottom row, left to right: Don Danos, Raceland; Sam Harper, Minden; Harold Harlan, Jonesboro; Jack Huckaby, Hall Summit; and Buster Keaton, Winnfield.

Second row: Harry Creech, Bossier City; Jackie Givens, Winnfield; Steve Cole, Minden; Arthur Lancaster, Ferriday; and Buddy Cope, Haynesville.

The loss of these ten men will be felt keenly next year, since able substitutions will have to be found for both the line and backfield. Of the ten seniors, three are guards: Danos, Harper, and Creech; three tackles: Harlan, Huckaby, and Keaton; one end, Cole; and three backs: Givens, Cope, and Lancaster.

While all these seniors have seen a great deal of service during the past season, the work of Danos, Harper, Huckaby, and Cole in the line has been outstanding.



### BOBBY DAVIS GAINS AROUND LEFT END

Bobby Davis picks up yardage against Southwestern as he skirts left end in the Homecoming game. He is ably assisted by another Demon who throws a key block to remove a Bulldog player, and thus give Davis plenty of running room.

Demon 14. Campos raced over the goal line from the 9-yard line and Chaney converted.

Polk intercepted Emmons' pass on the Demon 40 and ran it back for a touchdown. Chaney again converted to make the half-time score 21-11.

The final score for Southeastern was made in the third quarter when the Lions drove all the way from their own 41-yard line after receiving the kick-off. Boudreaux sparked the drive with repeated gains through the center. Campos went over from the 4-yard line and again Chaney converted.

### Mississippi Southern 7, N.S.C. 0

Playing on their home gridiron the next week end, the Demons battled the Southerners back and forth across the field for almost 59 minutes, with neither team being able to cross the goal line. The Demons tried for a field goal from the 17-yard line, but the kick was wide and the ball went over to the Southerners on downs.

With one minute left to play, LeGros heaved a long pass. Phillips, who had succeeded in getting behind the Demon safety man, took the pass on the Demon 40 and raced the remaining distance for a touchdown. The try for extra point was good and the Southerners won 7-0.

### Alabama State Teachers 28, N.S.C. 20

Ladd Memorial Stadium in Mobile, Alabama, was the scene of the Demons' game last Saturday night, November 11, when they met Alabama State Teachers College of Livingston, Alabama.

Taking the ball on the kick-off, the Demons marched to a touchdown before relinquishing the ball. The try for extra point was good and the Demons led 7-0.

Alabama State Teachers received the next kick-off and worked the ball all the way downfield for a touchdown and extra point to tie the score.

The Demons scored again in the

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## BASKETBALL SQUAD FOR 1950-1951 LOADED WITH FRESHMEN



The 1950-51 basketball squad will be built around three starters from last season. The squad is composed of 4 seniors, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores, and 8 freshmen. They are, front row, left to right: Buddy Bonnette, Natchitoches; George Davis, Florien; Hershal McConathy, Florien; Murray Walker, Dry Prong; Vernon Birdwell, Marthaville; Floyd Niette, Natchitoches; James Corley, Florien; Sammy Booras, Shreveport; and Ronald Byrd, Bossier City.

Standing: James LaRoue, Student Manager; Johnny McConathy, Gibsland; Elzer Marx, Menasha, Wisconsin; Roy Barker, Kinder; Linwood Outz, Minden; Tynes Hildebrand, Fisher; Bob Pender, Natchitoches; James Yergler, Cissna Park, Illinois; Artie Ranew, Tallahassee, Florida; and Coach Charles F. "Red" Thomas.

Regular starters from last season are: J. McConathy, Outz, and H. McConathy. Artie Ranew and James Yergler look like the other two probable starters.

## Demons Slump—

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first half to move out in front for the second time, but the Teachers came right back at them to score twice and move ahead 21-13.

Making a determined effort to get back into the ball game, the Demons scored again and pulled up to a 21-20 score, but were never able to gain the lead as the Alabama squad followed up with another touchdown and extra point to bring their total to 28. The Demons were never able to get another scoring thrust under way, and the game ended with the final score 28-20 in favor of Alabama State Teachers.

### Southwestern Next

Saturday afternoon the Demons make their homecoming bid against the Bulldogs of Southwestern. The dope bucket on this game will, in all probability, be

upset. Figuring from one angle, Louisiana Tech defeated the Demons 15-7, while Tech was defeated by Southwestern 41-13. This would give Southwestern a margin of 36 points over the Demons. On the other hand, the Demons defeated Louisiana College 12-10, and Louisiana College defeated Southwestern 22-20. Following this line of reasoning would make the Demons 1 points stronger than S. L. I.

Another interesting angle is the fact that every GSC Conference team that has played Louisiana College this season has lost its game the following Saturday. Southwestern played Louisiana College last Saturday night.

Now, you pick the winner!

## Van Odom—

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old Kaffie, Natchitoches; Secretary-Treasurer, Leroy S. Miller, Natchitoches; and Member of Board of Directors, A. J. Maricella, Monroe. Other members of the Board of Directors are E. S. Aiken,

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1950-1951

December 4	Lamar Tech	Natchitoches
December 5	Lamar Tech	Beaumont
December 11	Southeastern Okla.	Natchitoches
December 12	Southeastern Okla.	Natchitoches
December 27-29	Tournament	Enid, Oklahoma
January 9	Southwestern	Natchitoches
January 13	Loyola	Natchitoches
January 15	Centenary	Natchitoches
January 17	*Louisiana Tech	Natchitoches
January 19	Southeastern	Hammond
January 20	Loyola	New Orleans
January 27	Louisiana College	Natchitoches
February 2	Mississippi Southern	Natchitoches
February 3	Spring Hill College	Natchitoches
February 8	Southwestern	Lafayette
February 13	Louisiana College	Pineville
February 16	Spring Hill College	Mobile
February 17	Mississippi Southern	Hattiesburg
February 20	Southeastern	Natchitoches
February 23	Centenary	Shreveport

\*The game with Louisiana Tech in Natchitoches is tentative, and a return game at Ruston is not definitely scheduled at the present time.

Alexandria; S. M. Shows, Mansfield; Ted Wright, Bastrop; and Donald Ray, Senior Class Representative, N. S. C.

Retiring president, Joe W. Webb, was given a rising vote of thanks for his services during the past three years.

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